

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

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May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday**

***"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life" 1 John 5: 13***



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Hallelujah! sing to Jesus"***

**#370**

Hallelujah! sing to Jesus! his the sceptre, his the throne; hallelujah! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Hallelujah! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; hallelujah! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Hallelujah! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own; hallelujah! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne. Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest, thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have called all your followers to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we confess that we cannot always find the words to tell others of our faith. We are often silent in the face of difficult questions or circumstances. We try to act your love, but we struggle to boldly be your people. Forgive our hesitation to share the gift you have given us, and renew our courage to speak of our commitment to you.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Praise:**

***"Let us talents and tongues employ"***

**#563**

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2X)

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

*Refrain*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

*Refrain*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

"Sanctified in Truth"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Trio:

"Kumbaya"

Spiritual, arr. Sjolund

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

**Praise:**

***"Sent forth by your blessing"***

**#775**

Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith confessing, your people, O God, from your table take leave. The supper is ended: oh now be extended the fruits of your service in all who believe. The seed of your teaching, our hungry souls reaching, shall blossom in

action for all humankind. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom, your purpose to find.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living the task of our everyday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing as neighbours all those of each race. One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite us as one in your life that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Benediction and Sung Response

**Amen, Amen, A - - men.**

Postlude:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Converse, arr. Shackley



## Announcements



Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>



The next **FundScrip** order is due **TODAY**, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that by purchasing gift cards to pay for everyday expenses, you can contribute to the church? Last year we raised over \$500 through the FundScrip Program. If 30 people from the church bought \$50 of cards each month that would be an extra \$375 of income for the church. For example, you could buy gas cards from Esso, Petro-Canada and Shell, and pay for your monthly gas purchases with the card. All of us are buying gas and groceries every month. Why not pay for these essentials with gift cards purchased from Arline Sanderson [a.w.sanderson@shaw.ca](mailto:a.w.sanderson@shaw.ca) and also help the church raise funds?



**Roots** – older elementary and high school youth  
Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

**NOW ON THURSDAYS**

**06:15 PM**

**Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool** – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650

**SUNDAYS**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**



**REOPENING UPDATE:** St. Andrew's leadership is continuing to monitor the Covid-19 situation. Though we will not be reopening as early as May 23rd, we will continue to monitor the situation and guidelines to safely reopen as soon as possible.

#### From the **PASTORAL CARE NURSE**



Question: Once I have received my second dose of Covid vaccine, is it necessary to have any more nasal swabs? If I am carrying the Covid virus but I am asymptomatic, will the virus show up in this test? Can I

refuse to have the test because I feel safe now that I have had the vaccine? Answer: From Dr. Hortense Tabien, MD, MPH, PhD Public Health Physician, MHO, SHA "People who are vaccinated for the most part are protected from the disease and any serious complications. But if exposed to the Covid virus, they can still carry the virus and potentially transmit to others even if they

themselves are asymptomatic. The recommendation is for people to be tested so that they know if they are carriers and take appropriate measures. In my experience, many who are tested come back as negative."

The Pastoral Care Nurse advises you continue to wear a mask, continue good handwashing and respiratory hygiene as well as social distancing. For questions or more information you can contact Laura at 306-2297846 or by email to [lauralene66@gmail.com](mailto:lauralene66@gmail.com).

Blessings as we face the future together.



**PAINTERS WANTED!** The Board is looking for volunteers to paint the exterior frames of the church's windows sometime this summer. If you are able and willing to help to beautify our building, please contact Dorothy via email ([office@standrews-saskatoon.com](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com)), or phone the church office.(306-242-0525)



#### **SOCKS FOR SNCM**



As our sock drive for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry enters its second week, we would like to thank everyone who has made a donation. It has exceeded our expectations, although we should have realized that St. Andrew's would take up the challenge. With the number of socks (17 and counting) that we need to find a home for, we thought that we may need to place some in a sock drawer. Each sock in the sock drawer would have a value of \$100 (so that we don't fill it up as quickly) while each one found in the body of the bulletin would still be worth \$10.

If you would like to donate towards our sock drive, it will continue until June 20<sup>th</sup>. For each \$10 donated, a sock will pop up somewhere in the bulletin. The money will then be forwarded to Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry to purchase socks for those coming into the mission.

Donations can be made on the St. Andrew's website using our donate button, or by E-transfer. Please specify that the money is for the Sock Drive.

**Next Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, is Pentecost and Communion.**

#### **Missed out on a worship service?**

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit [standrews-saskatoon.com](http://standrews-saskatoon.com)
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)\_bulletin" to see the bulletin

## Transform Online Course

Last fall, ministry leaders from across Canada came together for The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Transform online course. Over four weeks, Rick Morse—co-creator of the New Beginnings church renewal program and author of *Making a Congregational Plan that Makes Sense*—challenged leaders to imagine what it means to faithfully respond to God's mission and engage others to be missional. The course, which was made possible through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, equipped leaders with the transformative tools, principles and insights necessary to discern God's call for their ministries' futures and create plans for moving forward.



## DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, May 16 (Ascension Sunday)** We give thanks for creative faith formation programs that congregations have developed to nurture people's faith.

**Monday, May 17** We pray for the Cariboo House Churches in B.C. and their pastor, the Rev. Mark Carter, as they reach out to those who live in remote areas of the Cariboo-Chilcotin.

**Tuesday, May 18** We thank God for opening eyes to racism against Indigenous people in Canada, and for moving hearts to turn knowledge into action.

**Wednesday, May 19** We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches and the unity of the whole church as its governing board meets over the next few days, and we give thanks for presbyteries who serve the Council in a variety of ways.

**Thursday, May 20** We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM) in Manitoba, and pray that healing hands provide health and well-being for the residents of WICM who struggle to make ends meet.

**Friday, May 21** We pray for people who have been hurt in the church. May they all find a spiritual home within the broad unity of the body of Christ.

**Saturday, May 22** We unite in prayer with KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, seeking change in Canada and around the world through advocacy, education and research programs in Indigenous rights, ecological justice, women of courage, and migrant justice.